

ELECTION

The Examiner asserts that the application contains patentably distinct inventions identified as follows.

- I: Claims 1-7 and 33.
- II: Claims 8-22, 34-37 and 40-42.
- III: Claims 23-29, 34 and 39.
- IV: Claims 30-23, 34 and 38.

In response to the election requirement, the Applicant elects **Invention III – Claims 23 – 29, 34 and 39** for prosecution, and requests that **Claim 37** be further included in this distinct invention.

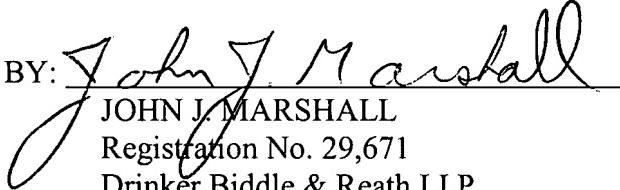
The invention covered by these claims are the combination of an anisotropic wound packing, such as the cylindrical gauze roll of Figure 3, in a wound dressing system for applying suction to the wound as exemplified in Figures 2, 4, 6,7 or 9; and the method of using the anisotropic wound packing in a wound dressing to control the direction of contraction of the wound when suction is applied to the dressing.

REMARKS

A Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address is filed concurrently with this response. The new Power of Attorney is for all practitioners associated with Customer Number 23973 at the correspondence address on file for that customer number. Telephone and fax contact related to this application may be directed to Larry S. Zelson, Registration No. 48,553, Phone (215) 988-2700 and Fax (215) 988-2757.

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